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SENATOR SCHAUER ANNOUNCES \$22 MILLION INVESTMENT IN AREA ROAD PROJECTS

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LANSING -- Senator Mark Schauer (D-Jackson and Calhoun Counties) today announced \$22,000,000 in Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Greenlight project investment for road reconstruction and rehabilitation in Calhoun County and surrounding areas. These projects supplement MDOT's previous commitments to road and bridge investments over the next five years.

"Transportation investment has an incredible effect on economic development. Our whole region will benefit from the jobs and infrastructure created by these projects," said Schauer.

Area projects include rehabilitation grants worth almost \$10 million, \$4 million worth of preventive maintenance along US-12, M-86, and M-96, and construction of the Rice Creek Bridge along I-94. Additionally, \$12 million will be spent to fund the completion of an Interstate 94 Business Loop through the southeastern portion of downtown Battle Creek.

The current 158 Greenlight projects are part of Governor Granholm's *Jobs Today* initiative and are expected to generate more than 11,000 jobs statewide. The Greenlight project was developed by MDOT to maximize use of federal dollars and bring Michigan's roads and bridges into good repair by 2007.

"We've spent a great deal of energy trying to get the Business loop project funded," said Schauer. "Along with the other improvement grants for the area, we're getting good roads, good jobs, and even better communities."

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Mark Schauer is the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He represents the 19th Senate District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County.